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Honorong, January 8th, 1908 THERE is a good deal more than appears a native point of view, except merely to see on the surface in the carefully planned to the upkeep of the lines, which Peking is outery against the proposed foreign loan for | wise enough to see is to its own advantage, the con-truction of the Soochow-Ningpo the interference of the syndicates is of the railway. It is, in fact, a recrudescence of very slightest; indeed the control of the the old revolt of the provincials against the central Government, in which the foreign element, though forced into the foreground, plays really but a second part. In this the point at issue bears in its external aspect a remarkable likeness to the dispute of old days over the Lay-Osborn Flotilla. Was it to be Imperial, or under the orders and control of the provincial viceroys? There is little doubt, reviewing the subsequent course of events, that the arrangement between agreement has fallen on the British Prince Kong and Mr. H. N. Lay, then Minister, who on the subject is perfectly at Inspector General, was that the fleet intended for imperial purposes was to be under solely imperial control; and that Prince Kung, when the matter was explained to him thoroughly, understood the advantage to the central Government of having such a powerful force at its back in the sempiternal conflict between provinces and capital. There was never any suspicion in the minds | patriotic opposition, whose sole object is to of the British Foreign Office that Mr. LAY's get the making of the line into their own conduct in the affair had been otherwise hands for the purpose of exploiting it to than perfectly straitforward, or that he had their own profit. However Peking may wilfully misrepresented his orders. When, incline towards the Syndicate from the however Mr. LAY and Captain SHERARD | merely monetary aspect, we should not be OBBORNE, the officer appointed with the justified in assuming that this is the sole consent of the British Government to take reason that influences it in the affair, nor is it command of the fleet, arrived with the ships fair to China's present statesmen to suggest

through any other channel. This agreement, it seems, was conveyed to Prince Kung in the first instance, and not objected to. The emergency was pressing, and Prince Kung was prepared to agree to anything. Within the year affairs had changed, Kung had retired from his active position as head of the Foreign Office, and high official, WEN SIANG, has been appoint-Kiangnan, and the Viceroy, taking the credit on himself, had become more haughty in his demands. Accordingly a new proposal was made, and LAY was represented as having asked for the appointment of a Commander in Chief and Prince Kung was led to write that he had memorialised the Throne that the officer "already appointed by the Governor General of the Liang Kinng should be appointed Commander of the Fleet, with OSBORNE as Assistant." However open to cavil might have been LAY's first scheme, this counter-proposal was so utterly opposed to anything that could be accepted that it left no chink open for negotiation, and the result was that Lay had to resign, and the Fleet was dismantled. Sir FREDERICK BRUCE, then Minister at Peking, might have helped, but he was no friend to LAY, as his subsequent dispatch shows, and threw in his influence rgainst him. Sir Frederick acknowledges that the affair did not fail. through foreign intrigues, the other Powers raising no objection, but gives as his explanation—the opposition of the provincial authorities, the reluctance of Peking to assume the responsibility of directing operations, and "above all the alarm and suspicion engendered by the proposals,"

then and the present, but with this essential difference, that Peking has since seen many provincials, and permitting the recrudescence of the dual administration which had brought the Empire at the time to the verge of destruction. From the merely finabcial outlook Peking is well content with the railways already built : they have required no heroic effort on the part of the Government to finance; this has been accomplished of the foreign syndicates concerned which have in all cases found the capital sums required, and have arranged for repayment on sufficiently easy terms, so that without expenditure Peking finds itself in possession of a goodly revenue, which is moreover gradually progressing as the amortisation proceeds. More than all from lines may be said to rest in nearly every particular in the hands of the native directors, even to a degree disadvantageous to the working of the lines, owing to the lack of experience on the part of the native staffs. Now it is noteworthy in the present contention, that while the Ango-Chiuese Syndicate has all through the controversy been willing to retire on the most reasonable terms, the upholding of the one with the Chinese Government. The opposition has, in fact, not come from any section of the Chinese Government itself. which has the commonsense to see that it has made a remarkably good bargain not This, in fact, is what galls SHENG KUNG-PAO and the other wire-pullers of the pretended

which would have given exces ive power to

Now there is up to a certain point con-

siderable resemblance between the position

Mr. LAY.

in China, another condition of affairs was | that they have no feeling of responsibility | seen. The powerful Nanking Viceroy for the general well-being of the State repudiated the whole affair, and insisted on This, however, is what SHENG KUNG-PAO his right to control the ships while within and his admirers would have us believe. bis territorial jurisdiction. Before the Men like Their Excellencies CHANG and departure of the fleet from home, Mr. LAY YUAN, who have passed through the had drawn up a formal letter of Agreement | previncial furnace, are well aware how with Capt. Sheeard Osborne in which, much mischief has been wrought by the amongst other stipulations, it was expressly former indifference of Peking in the general mentioned that Osbokne, as Commander in superintendence of inter-provincial affairs, Chief, was to have entire control over all and the consequent weakening of China vessels of European construction, as well as through being split up into so many practinative vessels manned by Europeans; that | cally independent units; and are quite alive OSBORNE undertook to act upon all orders to the dangers to be encountered should the of the Emperor which might be conveyed | control of the railway interest fall into the direct to LAY; and that Osnorne engaged same state of chaos as did the general not to attend to any orders conveyed government in the first half of the nineteenth century. This is, however, what such mock patriots as SHENG KUNG-PAO and his associates are intriguing for, and it requires little knowledge of statescraft to comprehend how dangerous to the interests of the nation at large would be a return to the evil days when each petty provincial was a law unto himself, and the power of control from disuse had become practically atroed in his stead. Thanks to Colonel Gordon | phied. We may learn a lesson as to the nethe Imperial arms had been successful in cessity of a strong central power from the branch of the Indo-China Bank. One day he recent history of the United States, where the Government has lately had to take strong measures to override the conflicting methods of the various states with regard to this very matter of inter-state railways.

> Mr. A. H. Ough of Mesars. Leigh an Orange, has been made a Fellow of the Roya Institute of British Architects.

Entries for the Hongkong football Challenge Shield will close on Saturday, January 11th, and should be sent in to the Hon. Sec. (Mr. Wishart) before that date.

For stealing \$3 worth of sugar from a godown at Kennedytown Mr. F. A. Hizeland yesterday sentenced a coolie, at the Magistracy, to three weeks imprisonment and six hours' atooks.

The Indian constable charged with obtaining money by false pretences from Naval officers, as reported in our last issue, was yesterday sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment by Mr. Gomportz at the Magistracy.

"In Town" was the piece staged by the Lilliputians at the Theatre Royal last night, and, needless to say, the youngsters afforded those in attendance the same unalloyed amusement which characterised its first production.

The five riesha coolies who were arrested on Monday for riotous behaviour during the strike were charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday, and each man was bound over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

Yesterday afternoon; as the three o'clo Peak car was descending the steepest gradie ut between Plantation and Bowen roads, a large dog crossed the rails and was caught by the car which almost overturned. The passengers in. cluded apperal ladies who were very much frightened by the incident. The car wheels cut right through the dog, killing it instantly.

An organ recital given by Mr. Denman uller in St. John's Cathedral last evening was very largely attended and much e joyed. Mr. Fuller played an Allegro (Concerto in minor) by Handel; a Pastorale by Wely. Wagner's Verspiel (Parsifal), and an Allegro Maestoso composed locally, by Mr. James Orange. Between the organ performances carols were sung by eight members of the Cathedral shoir.

The Y. M. C. A. Literary and Debating Society sat "in Parliament" for the first time on Monday night. Mr. G. Piercy was appointed Speaker and Capt. T. P. Hall Deputy Speaker. The "King's Speech" was read, This, after commenting favourably upon the present satisfactory state of the Colony, foreshadowed the istroduction of eight measures for the considerstion of the House. The Leader of the Opposition freely criticised the programme and considered that there were matters of greater importance requiring the attention of the House than those it was intended to put before them. premier replied briefly, and ably defended the Government policy. The motion was put to the House, and carried. The Hon. Member for Stoneoutters introduced a Bill to provide for improving the defences of the Colony by compalling every male British subject (European) between the ages of 18 and 35 years to join an auxiliary force to have at least two weeks military training each year. The Opposition complained that no notice had been given and that the Bill had been intentionally sprung upon them in const quence of which they were unprepared, but enquired if it was intended to dispense with the services of the existing garrison and navy. In reply the Government stated that this was only for itself but for the Empire at large. obviously rot their idea which was to strengthen rather than to diminish the defence of the clony. The House divided for an adjournment of the first reading which resulted in a majority for the Government, and the Bill passed the first reading. The Hon. Members for Aberdeen, Kowloon South, Stanley and Kowloon North supported the Government while the Hon. Members for Victoria North, West Point Pinewood and Victoria West spoke from the opposition benches. The Hon. Member for Gap Rock spoke as an Independent. [Our representative in the Press Gallery at this session was Mr. T. Fuller,

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, January 7th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF –Justice).–

CLAIM FOR RICE.

The case concluded in which the Cheung Hing firm of rice merchants sued the Wo On Boi Chan firm, traders, to recover \$1189. 18 due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. O. D Thomson) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Sir Henry Barkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Johnson (of Messrs, Dennys and Bowley) for the defendants.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff-, remarking that they could not be presumed to know the limitations of the godown keeper who had been allowed to purchase rice before, and on which purchases payment had been made.

AN ABSCONDER CAPTURED.

Jese Maria de Souza, for whose arrestwarrant has been out for somatime, was yesterday brought back to the Colony by Detective-Sergeant Murison, and was charged before Mr. F. A. Haseland at the Police Court with larceny as a bailee. In February, 1905, the defendant was employed in the Hongkong was given some registered letters, containing altogether \$1503, to post. The defendant it appears, procured some similar envelopes put blank paper in each, addressed them as the original envelopes were addressed and posted them. With the money which he extracted from the letters he was told to post he absounded, The Hongkong police, however traced him to Shanghai where he was detained pending the arrival of Detective-Sergeant Murison. The detective had no difficulty in recognising Souza, who was handed over him and brought safely to Hongkong. he heard the evidence yesterday, his Worship gentenced the defendant to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

VILLAGE ELDERS MURDERED.

The story of one of those crimes for which China is so notorious was told to Mr. F. A. Hezeland at the Police Court yesterday afternoon, when Mr. G. E. Morrell, of the Crown Solicitor's office, on bahalf of the Chinese Government applied for the extradition of native on a charge of armed robbery. Mr. W. Goldring (of Measrs. Goldring and Barlow) represented the defendant.

Mr. Morrell informed his Worship that the accused was charged with armed robbery at four elders started off to pay respect to the have been arranged as far as possible so ancestral tablets in a neighbouring village as to get thorough ventilation from the air called Wong Yuan. They proceeded on the spaces both back and front, and we think the journey on foot, a son of one of the Board will recognise that the arrangement of elders and a coolie following them, and carry. the new plan is an improvement on the plan ing the food trays. When they got to Kwai | which was sanctioned in 1935; The area of the Ling, which was half way between the two building on each floor and the area of the open villages, four men, of whom the defendant was said to be one, jumped from an ambush and seized the elders. When the coolies in the rear saw this they dropped their trays, and ran. The robbers pursued them for a distance, but they succeeded in making their escape. They collected help and returned to the place where the robbers had surprised the party. There they found the four dead bodies of the elders, and on returning to the village gave the names of the robbers. In consequence of that report the defendant was arrested in Hongkong.

His Worship-These four men were armed, and were seen to attack the elders?

were seen to jump out on the four elders and | Governor-in-Council. shoot them.

Evidence was then called, and the hearing adjourned.

CANTON-KOWLOON DEBE TURES.

The Globe says :- Those who subscribed to the Canton-Kowlcon Railway issue may care to know that they can exchange their scrip receipts for the bonds themselves at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. These 5 per cent bonds have gone very widely into the hands of small investors, and are a security which are never likely to provide the smallest ground for anxiety. The last surveys are now being made, and the line when completed will have a length of 125 miles. The last 21 miles bevond the frontier are in British territory, and this section is being constructed by the Government of Hongkong. This is one of three railways now being laid down under the auspices of the British and Chinese Corporation.

return of £5 3s. per cent., which is a trifle more than other Chinese railway issues known to the London Stock Exchange. The security appears quite as ample in this case as in the others, and the variation in yield is merely traceable to popular whim. The Imperial Railway loan at 993-1001 yields 5 per cent., and the Nanking loan about the same. A comparison of quotations will show that the standing of the various Chinese railway loans is as good as, or better than, that of many South American Railway ismes.

HOCKEY.

There will be a practice game on the Club ground to-morrow at 445 p.m. sharp, when it is hoped that a good number will participate. On Friday, 10th inst., the Club, playing in colours, will oppose a Naval team got up by Lt. Mullins, R.M.L.I., on the Club ground, at 4.45 p.m. sharp.

MONGKONG SANITARY

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on Jan. 7th at the Board Room. The Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (president) presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Vice President), Dr. F. Clark, (Medical Officer of Health), Hon. Mr. A. W. Browin (Registrar-General), Captain Lyons (Captain Superintendent of Police), Colonel Martin, R.A.M.C., Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Mr. Fang Wa-chun and Mr. G. A. Woodcock, secretary.

The PRESIDENT Before commencing the business of the meeting I wish to introduce to you Colonel Martin, the new P.M.O., and on your behalf to welcome him as a member of the

THE HONGKONG HOTEL

The following letter was read from Mesars Palmer and Tarner applying for modifications of section 180 (a) and 188 (5) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903:-

Dear Sire,-Herewith we submit plans showing the proposed manner of rebuilding the southern portion of the Hongkong Hotel, On June 29, 1905, we were informed by the Assistant Secretary of the Sanitary Board that the Governor-in-Convoil granted a modifi. cation of the requirements of section 189 (a) with sketch plans we had submitted for approval just previously. The height of the building as now proposed is the same as shown on the plans then submitted. We should be glad to know if we may consider if the modifieation of the section 188 (5) as already obtained is still valid. As regards section 180 (a) the derably altered. We are instructed to apply. to the Sanitary Board to recommend modification of this section so as to allow of the open spaces on the ground and first floors

being ourtailed below the requirements of the Ordinance as shown in the accompanying plans. We beg to point out that the ground floor is not to be used at all for sleeping purposes. The frontage of the block is occupied entirely by shops which are well lighted and ventilated from the front and (with the exception of one shop) from the back. The rest of this floor is to be used as a godown, store, baggage, boiler and engine room the portion the yard deemed to be covered over, for the use of receiving and unpacking goods. The first floor with the exception of one bedroom attached to the private suite is not to be used for sleeping purposes. The other rooms comprising reading, smoking, billiard, and bar rooms are all well lighted and ventilat-Kwai Ling in the Waichow Prefecture. It ed. The cloak and sewing rooms are to be appeared that the olders of this village had ten feet in height and the portion shown reported the names of all the lawless characters as a covered yard is required as a was ing in their district to the authorities, and the up yard. The other upper, floors are utilized defendant's name was included in the list. In for bedrooms and the open space for each consequence, the lawless class threatened to floor is considerably in excess of the requireexterminate the elders. On the 9th May, 1906, ments of the Ordinance. All the bedrooms

and unobstructed spaces is the same as marked on the plan. The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH minuted they concern the Board.

I recommend the plans be approved as far as

Mr. Hoores-I agree with the Medical Officer of Health.

The REGISTEAR-GENERAL-Is there more air space or less than was approved in 1905? The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH in the hands of the very capable proprietor submitted a table showing that the open air space in 19.5 amounted to 29,880 square feet, and on the new plan it amounted to 31,206 square feet.

The PRESIDENT moved that the modifications Mr. Morrell-They all carried revolvers, and | be granted subject to the approval of the

Mr. HOOPER seconded, and the motion was

OUR WATER. The report of Mr. Frank Browne, Government Analyst, on samples of water from the Kowloon, Tytam and Pokfulum services showed that in each case there was no sewage and the

water was of excellent quality. MCRTALITY STATISTICS.

The mertality returns for the week ended December 7 showed that there were 136 douths, being 21.5 per 1,000 of the whole Colony, as against 23.5 for the previous week and 22.3 for the corresponding period last year. Of the deaths 34 were from chest affections and 22 from fevers (Malaria 11). For the week ended December 14 there were 154 deaths, being 24.3 per 1,000 of the whole Colony, as against 20.7 for the corresponding week last year. Forty geven deaths were due to chest affections, eight The Canton-Kowloon bonds at 98-99 give at to fever and five each to dysentery and

RAT BETURN.

The rat return for last year was laid on the table, and it is interesting to note that elthough more rats were caught were plague infected. In 1907, 25,265 rate were caught in Hongkong and 13,255 in Kowloon, a total of 38,520, of which 28 were plague infected. In the preceding year 30,701 were caught, of which 679 were plague infected. For the first four days this year the 466 rat caught were all free of plague.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL-Keep your complexion, Mrs. Ellen's Crême Charmante, Lait Charmant and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre Charmant will enable you to do it. Specialities for the Skin are the study ifetime. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Sole .

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.] SHIPPING NEWS.

London, January 7th. "Housatonic" has been wrecked off Antrim, and the "Mount Royal" has been sighted.

> CRICKET VICTORY FOR ENGLAND.

London, January 7th. The second test match ended in a

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

victory for England by one wicket.

Tokyo, January 7th. Viscount Aoki, Japanese the Ambassador to America, who has arrived from San Francisco, was and 188 (5) of the Public Health and entertained by the local Chamber of Buildings Ordinance 1903, in accordance Commerce, and has outspokenly declared that he will try to persuade the Tokyo Government to prohibit emigration to America, and that he would lay all his views before the Government. arrangement of the new plan has been consi- The Viscount had to be protected by the police, owing to rumoured threats by the Japanese socialists.

> [REUTER'S SERVICE.] ASIATIC IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA.

> > LONDON, January 5th.

The Sydney Morning Herald, commenting on Asiatic Immigration declares that Australia is determined to adhere to a white deal at whatever cost, any compromise is impossible. Representative Australians consider that the controversy enforces the need of a sound system of self defence, enabling Australia to assume the responsibility of her own policy even, if the necessity arises.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

London, January 5th. Advices from Washington state that President Roosevelt and Mr. Root have held a long conference on the Japanese situation.

THE STRIKE AT PORT SAID. London, January 5th. The strike of coal workers at Port Said

THE LONDON "TIMES."

London, January 5th. The Observer, which belongs to Baron Northcliffe, (Sir Alfred C. Harmsworth,) says that important negotiations are proceeding to place the direction of the Times of the popular magazines and newspapers.

THE NEW MINING DRILL.

LONDON, January 5th. Most important trials of the Gordon Drill at the Rand mines, show a far reaching effect on the labour problem. A native working the drill for five hours achieved results equal to a day's work of fifteen

BATTLESHIP ADRIFT.

The terrific tide which flows in and out of Portsmouth Harbour as the result of the constant dredging operations was the cause of serious mishap last month. Just before midnight the battleship "Prince George,' the flagship of Rear-Admiral Farquhar, Commanding the Portsmouth Division of the Home Fleet, broke away from her moorings in the middle of Portsmouth Harbour and immediately began to drift up the harbour with the strong current that was running. The perilons position of the vessel was happily quickly discover d by the watch, and an alarm was instantly raised, but by this time the vessel had already gained considerable way, which was every-instant increasing. The order was given to drop the anchor, and it was only the remarkable promptitude with which this order was carried out that saved a very grave accident. The ancher had the of checking the vessel's progress, but it could not prevent her swing round with the tide, and in doing so she was carried on to the stem of the new armoured craiser "Shanoon," which had only the previous day arrived from Chatham for trials and w s morred at No. 3 Buoy. In the meantime the tugs which are always kept with steam up alongside the dockyard for use in emergencies had been signalled for, and with their assistance the two great vessels were cleared and the "Prince " George" was placed alongside the dockyard. She was making water, though it was not considered that her damage was so serious as to necessitate docking. Yesterday morning she was placed in No. 14 Dock, and an examination showed that she was badly holed on the starboard side amidships. As she was being taken to the dock heavy list to starboard was apparent. The "Shancon." was also damaged about the upper works, but the damage was not of an extensive or serious nature. It appears that the bridle of the moorings parted just beneath the buoy. which drifted up the stream with the battleship. The "Prince George" is a vessel of 14,900 tons.

THRILLING STORY OF CASTAWAYS.

TERRIBLE PRIVATIONS OF SEAMEN.

One of those tales of the sea, unique in the realm of romance comes from New Zealand and is invested with local interest by reason of the fact that a brother of Mr. H. Eyre, the manager of Messrs, Wm. Powell, Ld., was one of the crew of the wreck. The four-masted barque "Dundonald," of 2115 tone, sailed from Sydney for Falmouth on February 17th last year. On the morning of March 7th, at 12.30 p.m., the ship struck on the precipitous cliffs of Disappointment Island, a bleak and barren island to the west of Auckland Island, and aplace where many a good ship has been driven by mountainous seas on to the cruel rocks. In the case of the "Dundonald," when the vessel struck, a heavy sea swept the crew overboard, and twelve of the unfortunate men, including the capt in and his son, were drowned. Disappointment Island! The place is well named. It has been the last port of call for many seamen, and it was cheerless baven for the survivors of this wreck. The mate of the "Dundonald," Jabez Peters, worn out with fatigue, and disappointed with the discovery that the island was not one on which a depot was situated, died after a fortnight.

spent seven months on the Island of from time to time and misuaderstandings have Disappointment, during which time they endured terrible privations; and as they scanned the seascape day by day for a friendly sail without success, must have realised fully the meaning of the proverb, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." During their stay on the island the seamen lived on the young mollyhawks [penguins?] and the stems of plants. Later, when the birds migrated, seals came along, and these were clubbed and provided food and clothing.

As month succeeded month, and no vestel hove into sight, the castaways decided to try to reach the main Auckland Island. They made a convas boat, seven feet long, pieces of canvas being sewn together for the necessary covering. The needles the sailors used were made of birds' bones. When the frail skiff was ready for sea some of the seamen set sail for the main Auckland Islands, the nearest about five miles distant in search of provisions. After an absence of seven days, in which trip they had been unsuccessful, they returned to their comrades. A second attempt was made later, and af er terrible difficulties they succeeded in reach. section of Canadians and by commercial maing the depot, where the story of their gnates here, for it is recognised that there should adventures was told. The boat provided for be some rational settlement, on a basis of castaways was then scoured, and the sailors restriction, of the present troubles, and after faced the heavy sea once more to rescue their comrades. They reached the island which had | the Far East. been their dreary home for so many long months, the remainder of the crew were shipped and all arrived safely at the depo: where they remained until the arrival of the New Zealand Government steamer "Hinemos," by which vessel they were taken on to Auckland.

The survivors are M'Lachlan, second mate; Kundsen, third mate; Eyre, Walters, Jude Finlay, Santiage, Herman and Pretze, A. B's, Ellis, Peel, Stewart, Grattan, ordinary seamen Iveney, deck boy; Roberts, cabin boy.

Those drowned were J. Thorborn, captain; bulk of the Europeans now stranded his son, J. Therborn, jun.; W. E. Smith, Toronto and elsewhere are part of the steward; E. Lee, carpenter; T. Crawford, rush of immigrants - from Bulgaria and the sailmaker; J. Cromarty, deck boy; Hallerson, Anderson, Langerbloom, Lowe, Navarat and tail end of the late harvest. They did not earn

Watson, A. B'e. large number of passengers on board, 68 all-the-year-round basis. of whom were drowned. On November 21st 1867, ten survivors were re-cued by a brig. Others tried to reach New Zealand in a small boat, but were never heard of again. Altogether 80 lives were lost in the wreck. Many attempts have since been made to recover some boxes of gold which were on board when the ship went down.

Mr. Eyre has not yet heard from his brother, but his people at home have written him that they have received a cable from the young sailor, stating that he is in the best of

COTTON STRIKE PROBABLE.

At the beginning of December, a Manchester correspondent wrote: - It looks as if hardly anything can prevent a strike in connection with the fine counts cotton wages question in Old of masters and men have rather aggravated the relations between the two sides as compared. with the position of affairs that existed when the President of the Board of Trade intervened about ten days ago. The fact is the employers are getting unconcerned at the prospects of a stoppage of machinery, there being in their view so many cases of trouble with the work people at the present time. The masters allege that in several instances the requests of hands through their officials are unreasonable. To-morrow (Tuesday) is the last day for a reply to the operatives ultimatum of a general advance of 10 per cent in the counts above 60s. The masters are prepared to go as far as five. It remains to be seen what will be decided ground not only in shipping numbers, b t in what are known as Bolton counts. The yarn demand has fallen off. There is not so much pressure for deliveries, and supplies are backing is being lessened by manufacturers allowing looms to stard idle.

A meeting of Burnley manufacturers is to be held, probably this week, to discuss the matter of running short time. Concerted action will be dividual craes are sure to be adopted. The prospects for Christmas in the staple trade of Lancashire are certainly poor, some authorities believing we shall have a bad winter, and that the spell of good trade is showing definite signs of passing away.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

-(FROM OUR CORE SPONDENT.)

London, December 6th.

VISCOUNT AOKI. The United States has this week provided most of the Anglo-Saxon interest in Oriental matters: The news that came out suddenly in Washington on Tuesday that Viscount Acki was to return within a fortnight to Tokyo and had presented his letters of recall set everybody guessing, and of course we had sensational headlines on both sides of the Atlantic as to strained relations between America and Japan over the immigration difficulty on the Pacific coast. Since then the Japanese Ambassador in Washington has himself explained that he goes merely to personally discuss matters under negotiation between his country and the United States, immigration being only one of the questions. He declares that his going has no untoward significance and hints that the recall is on his own suggestion.

Quite so, but I doubt if that is all the truth As a matter of fact Viscount Acki has no quite been a good fit in his position at Washingten. He is old and has less adaptability to the peculiar atmosphere of the American capital than befits a diplomat there, and he had not been at his jost long before he gained the name of being peevish and iraseible. He is said to The remainder of the crew, fifteen all told, have exceeded the spirit of his instructions in confequence arisen that have taken all the skill of the statesmen in Tokyo to clear up.

Neither in Tokyo nor in Washington is his handling of the negotiations concerning this immigration question regarded with much approval, so he is not likely to reappear at Washington again. Japan, according to my official informant, is extremely anxious to meet the United States under the best conditions at this time, for the interests of the two countries are rapidly converging in the Pacific to a point where a false step might be disastrous. Thus, while the good work accomplished by Viscoun Aoki is not minimised, it is practically certain that he will be succeeded by a more alert diplomat with characteristics based on a more cosmopolitan training.

JAPANESE IN CANADA.

Again in Canada, we have reason to be thankful that the head of affairs is a level headed states nan with a long eye for effects. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's rebuke to the Opposition leader for augmenting the agitation against Oriental labour is warmly approved by a large that there is a great field for Canadian trade in

What gives the Opposition in Canada ar impetus in their agitation is the fact that in Toronto and other cities there is just now gathering crowd of unemployed, living or relief distributions, and the winter is looked forward to with misgiving. There are white workers, and the labour agitators are parading the contrast between the abundance of white labour in the cities of the East of Canada, and the demand of employers for Oriental cheap labour in the West. Of cours the Balkans chiefly-which reached Canada on the enough to help them to drag through the winter Other disasters on the Auckland Island and so make it possible to await the full eminclude the wreck of the French barque "Anjou," ployment of the warm months next year. in February, 1905; the brig " ratton' and Canada is in the transition at ge. She is schooner "Invercantd" in 1864; the ship 'Derry developing and needs thousands of workers, Castle" in 1887; the barque "Compadre" in 1891; particularly in agriculture in summer : then and the ship "Stoneleigh" in 1895. A notable | when the hard weather comes the work is redisaster was the loss of the " General Grant," an | stricted, and Canada has not yet developed American vess l, in the year 1866. She ran enough winter work for all these men into a cave about 250 yards long. She had a Hence the matter is not easy to adjust on an

DOWNING STREET BUSY. I am given to understand that this Aciatic labour question is causing auxiety in Downing Street as well as in Washington and Ottawa-It is stated on good authority that it is one of several matters now under discussion, and it may be found necessary, to complete arrangements for the Japanese Ambassador here, Baron Komura, to pay a visit to Tokyo early in the year. I hear that agreements are simed at between Japan and America, and both Great Britain and a Continental power are interested in other agreements with Japan under discussion. The correspondence will have proceeded sufficiently far by the end of this month to decide whether it is advisable to have Biron Komura in Tokyo to consult with the Governham and district. Last week's joint meetings ment there in respect to the final details of the agreements.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The long message sent by President Roosevelt to Congress on Tuesday is mainly interesting also for its Far Eastern reflections, because so far as it touches American affairs it is obscure. as to present evils in finance and commerce, and for the rest it is a sort of window-dressing for the Republican party show in next year's Presidential elections. The demand for more battleships, coaling stations, docks and coast fortifications in the Pacific, and the advocacy of periodical naval tours in both oceans-facilitated by the upon. Lancashire spinners as a whole are losing | future completion of the Panama Canal-indicates how clearly the President sees the Japanese and Americans developing a closeness of touch in the Pacific that may be fruitful for great up in first hands. There tie home consumption power if combined in friendship, or may be productive of everlasting trouble if dragons tooth are sown. It is this part of the message

that rouses interest here. very difficult to arrange, as the point of rent and President has been keeping a close eye on turning hes to be adjusted. Short hours in in- British doings, for he has taken a leaf out of the book of the British committee tramed by the China Association and the China Society chef at Higheliffe Castle for the occasion. to attract Chinese students to these shores. There are still rumours abroad that his

American spirit, for he is anxious for concerted regularly that there is any truth in the action to induce the students from China to stories and declaring that no operation is go to American universities.

This strangely worded paragraph beaded "Foreign Affairs" is also worthy of note:-"In foreign "Mairs this country's stency policy is to behave toward other nations as a strong and self respecting man should behave toward the other men with whom he is brought in centact. In other words, our aim is disinterestedly to help other nations where such help can be wisely given without the appearance of meddling with what does not concern us; to be careful to not as a good neighbour; and at the same time, in good-natured fashion, to make it evident that we do not intend to be imposed

Surely as good a way of setting up a bluff to Japan and at the same time throwing a sop to American Imperialists as could have been

FALSE DEDUCTIONS.

The papers are so ready to jump to the con clusion that trouble is looming in China that it is no wonder that when it was announced that the 2nd Cameron Highlanders were or dered to go from Pretoria to North China some of the wiseacres of yellow tendencies should see danger streaks all over the East. Ther fore the authorities at the War Office have issued a calming announcement to the effect that it is an ordinary trooping movement and there is no knowledge of the reported agree mentamong the Powers to increase the strength of the garrisons in North China.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. Mr. F. J. Cross, who is employed by the Fij Government, and has been here consulting the Colonial Office as to the project to connect Canada and Australia by wireless telegraphy, states that he and his colleagues are convinced that the plan is feasible by means of a wireless midway station at Fiji The chain of the wireless connection will run from Vancouver to Fanning Island, about four thousand miles, thence to Samos, Fiji, Ellis, New Zealand and finally Australia.

A SHIPPING MYSTERY.

There is a mystery at Barry Dock, over the crew of the steamship "Camet ," brought in by a Chinese crew a fortnight ago. There was apparently a concerted plan among the Chinese. for they suddonly vanished, leaving no trace, and without drawing the money due to them or taking their effects away. As much as twenty pounds was due to some of them. Another crew has had to be picked up in London and shipped under police guard to prevent surprises of an unwelcome nature.

THE OFFICIAL SECRET.

I hear that a new rule has been introduced to a Government office where literary activity has been notable for many yours. It is now ordered that no official shall publish a book of any kind without the permission of the Permanent Under Secretary. Some of the officials have produced books bearing on the science of their work, and it is this particular side of literature that, I fancy, rouses the ire of the permanent official Fancy having any notion of the science of your work in a government office; anyway!

The question of training, as a matter of fact wants closer consideration than it gels, I believe first division clerks are sent from time to time to the Cr wn Colonies from the Colonial Office in connection with the study of vexed questions but that is as far as the idea goes. I have heard that when Sir Frederick Lugard was Commissioner for Nigeria he wanted to reverse the order of things and nearly persuaded Mr. Lyttleton to agree to his spending part of the year in Nigeria and part in Downing Street as the adviser of the Colonial Office, but the suggestion finally fel

REUTER'S JEALOUSY.

The message sent by German official hands, and apparently approved by the Kaiser himself to the "Manches er Dispatch," the brightest morning paper outside-and perhaps inside-London, has caused a good deal of comment, and though Reuter has denied its authenticity, the honours so far are with the "Dispatch," for it prints a facsimile of the message with corrections marked, so it claims, by the German Embassy. The Kaiser is all for peace in the message, though he wants a stronger navy as part of the development of his country and the development of German colonies. He denies that Germany has any designs on any of her neighbours, but he shows that he means to develop the colonies to the utmost "It true" he says "that we started our Colonial policy only after the best countries for colonisation were in the hands of other nations. But that cannot be helped. As we cannot get the very best, we must be satisfied with the best of what is left. After all, we can do with the overseas possessions we have got, our colonies will become very valuable by German industry, German energy, and German perseverance, only we should not act like children who stick beans in the ground and go the next day to see if the plant is growing."

Of England and other nations the Kaiser speaks in terms of cordiality. Probably the German Embassy wanted to minimise the message after it had been given, for the London correspondent of the "Dispatch" assures me that he obtained the statement himself through the German Ambassador and it was at the instance of the Ambassador that it was submitted to the Kaiser, subjected to corrections and sent back.

The Kaiser, by the way, is very greatly benefitted by his stay. His hoarseness has gone and he is in excellent spirits. When he leaves for Holland and Germany in a week or so he will be in much better form to deal with state British educationalists also think that the affairs than he was when he came, He is a great favourite in Hampshire, and on Saturday he entertained the local schoolchildren to tea, himself cutting a monster cake made by the Evidently the President wants to imbue throat has more the matter with it thad

Eastern students with something of the pare hourseness, but official denials appear being considered for his nose, his ear, or his throat. One thing which is cheering him is the victory his henchman, Count Buelow, has won in the Reichstag by cowing the "hloo" pa-ties into unity with the Government, on a to Buslow recignation. The vote of confidence the actual recipied the Kniser quite as much as

PERSONAL ITEMS. Personal items that have come to my notice include the following. Mr. Myles Valentine Blake, second son of Mr. W. V. Blake McGrath of 75 Lancaster Gate has become engaged to Miss Margaret Plumer, second daughter of Mr. James Johnstone Keswick of Mabie, Kiroudbrightshire, and grand daughter of the late Sir Harry Parkes, former minister to Japan and China.

Brevet Colonel G. Wright, Commanding the Royal Artillery, Straits Settlements, has been appointed a member of the Artillery committee of the War Office.

The death of Mr. James Duncan-Campbell, C.M.G., on Tuesday at Clanricarde Gerdens, W, removes one well known in the China service. He was formerly connected with the Treasury and Audit Office in Downing Street but in 1863 he was allowed to resign and take up the duties of Secretary and Auditor to the Inspectorate-General of the Chinese Imperial Customs in Peking. He subsequently served as special commissioner for China in Europe, and organized the London office of the Inspectorate-General. He was concerned as Chinese special commissioner in the treaty of peace of 1885 between France and China and the treaty of 1887 between Portugal and China. In 1885 he was made C.M.G. and received many marks of approval from the Chinese and British Governments,

Another notable death has been that of Mario Raggi the sculptor at the age of eighty-six. He died in Surrey after a life full of notable work. He did statues and busts of many well known people here but, I believe, he regarded the work he did for the Jubilee Memorial in Hongkong as his chief effort.

SOCIABLE CHINESF. Many curious parallels b tween the Western nations and the Chinese were pointed out by the Rev. George Owen in his lecture before the China Society at Caxton Hall last night on "The Social Life of the Chiuese." Fir J. McLeavy Brown presided. Mr. Owen at the outset mentioned that the average Chinese is one of the most sociable persons in the world. He had a faculty for fri dship, and his

friendships took up the greater portion of hi life. The New Year celebrations gave him the best opportunities for realising how large his circle of acquaintances was, for during the fifteen days' holiday he was in the habit of oalling on them all. But if during this period he had any spare time on his hands, Mr. Owen regretfully had to admit that the old adage about Satin flading work was true, and the time was spent mainly in gambling. Usually the previous year's savings were lost and the Chine e were such inveterate gamblers that they did not desist until their clothes had almost all gone also. But Mr. Ivan Chang the genis secretary, of the Society in commenting on the speech later in the evening said that although gambling was condemued by eastern philosophers and anathematised by religion just as in the West, yet it certainly bore the authority of Confucius for that philosopher said "He who has nothing to do had far better engage in gambling and chess than bi altogether idle."

The Chinese ladies like those in the West, according to Mr. Owen, are not altogether free from the vice. Chinese ladies like their cards just as English women love their rubber at Bridge. Mr. Owen, proceeded to comment on the Chinese pension for theatricals and the fact that the stage was usually the front entrance to the Temple. Another social custom of the Chinese commented upon was the exclusion of women from almost all the social functions, and the fact that at no time did the two sexes publicly mix at these meetings. The reason for this Mr. Owen did not profess to know, and he left it an open question whether Chinese women were too charming and demoralising, or too ugly and uninteresting.

Eating, said Mr. Owen, appeared to be the basis of all Chinese social intercourse; whether it be a wedding, a funeral, the healing of a fend or the making of a fresh acquaintance, a meal had to enter into the question. A Chinese song said "Happily we will drink and we won't retire until the wine is gone, "-an almost exact equivalent, as the lecturer pointed out, of the Anglo-Saxon chorus "We won't go home till morning.

Another curious paralled was the Chinese custom at weddings of the guests contributing toward their own entertainment, their contributions varying according to the receipt of past favours and their expectations in the future. It seemed also that China had organisations corresponding closely to English slate and goose clubs. These existed for the purpose of helping toward the cost of funerals, weddings, and other purposes for which funds were needed.

Mr. Owen finished up by commenting on the way English outdoor games and gymanasia were being introduced into China and pointed out that the game of Diabolo, over which England bad gone crazy, had been played in China for generations

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The J.-C.-J. Lijn str. Tjikini left Moji via Amoy for this port on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst. The H.A.L. str. Aragonia left Moji on the 7th inst. at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on the 12th inst. The H.A.L. str. Sazonia-left Singapore or

the 6th inst. at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 13th inst The C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan arrived Yokohama at noon on Tuesday, the 7th inst.,

and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Nagasaki. where she is due to arrive at 3 p.m. to-morrow. The C.P.R. str. Empress of China strived at Vancouver at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 6th inst.

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SIR EYRE MASSEY SHAW.

AMPUTATION OF HIS REMAINING LEG. Sir Eyre Massey Shaw, who for thirty years raied the London Fire Brigade, and was so popular a figure, as "Captain Shaw," that he inspired a song in "Iolanthe." has, at the age of seventy-eight undergone an operation necessitating the amoutation of his remaining leg. Nine years ago his other limb was amputated. And yet so marvellous a vitality is possessed by Sir Eyre Massey Shaw that he was stated to be "well on the way to recovery " when the mail left,

When he retired from the control of the London brigede sixteen years ago bir Eyre had dealt with 173,984 outbreaks of fire in the metropolis; he had increas d London's fire stations during his term of authority from 13 to 59; and had augmented the number of firemen from 113 to 709. Described as one of the most active men in the metropolis, he yet found time to write six books dealing with fires and indulge in his two favourite sports-hunting and vacating.

Always shy of publicity, Sir Eyre was much perturbed when, during the performances of Iclanthe," one of the characters sang a verse which ran

Oh! Captain Shaw, Type of true love kept under, Could thy brigade, With cold cascade

Quench my great love, I wonder? Sir Lyre Massey Shaw won the devotion of a'l ti e men under him. A characteristic story is told of his solicitude, A fireman, terribly injured, was brought in at eleven o'clock one night for an immediate operation. The first words the Broman subsequently nitered were: " Has the governer come in to inquire about me?" The officials doubted if he would at so lateran hour. But the injured man knew his chief better, and, sure enough, a few minutes later C ptain Shaw arrived in evening dress, He had hastened away from a social function to comfort this suffering unit of his force, and the injured fir man, although in great pain struggled to salute his chief.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR AND GERMAN POLICY.

The Manchester : Quily Dispatch publishes statement recording remarks made by the German Emperor in the course of conversations with a diplomatist of European standing. In view of the assurance editorially given by the Daily Dispatch that this statement has been submitted to the German Ambassador and by him to the Emperor, and has been returned with some pencilled alterations with authority to publish it, we reproduce with all reserve some f the remarkable passages which it contains

"A strong navy is therefore [in view of food supplies demanded for the future development of Germany. We are obliged to secure new markets for the export of our own industries, As these countries are inhabited in most cases by half civilized nations, we are bound to show them our power. Some more men-of-war would bring in millions of money to our commerce, as we would get much better conditions in our commercial treaties than we get now. .

"After all," the Kaiser continued, "we must

have our colonies for our ever-increasing population if we are not to less millions of our own people. There are no countries in Europe we cou'd conquer without damaging ours lves Let us begin with the north. The candinavian countries are very beautiful indeed, but they are very poor; in consequence they are not at al desirable for us. Of course there is much of the old termanic strength and tenacity in their populace; but this would coly make mor difficult their political and national assimilation. Holland's populace shows very much the same tenacity of national character. Even more would this be the case with Belgium, witzerland? It serves as the very best buffer State we could wish. One may say about Switzerland if it did not exist, it would have to be invented "Russia? It is quite true the Baltic provinces have been German once; but they are not Gorman any longer! The Russification of these provinces makes progress daily, and we would be very much mistaken if we believe that we should be received there with open arms, B-sides, even if we could conquer the Baltic provinces it would become for us nothing more than a matter of permanent difficulty. The extension of our East frontiers would put us in a worse strategical position than now. Our position as regards Russia itself would become untenable. And this would not be the worst We would make trussia our permanent an irreconcilable enemy. We should have to fight Russia, which would observe very likely the same military tactics against us which the Russians practised against Napoleon during the war of 812. No! We should never think of such conquest! We need Russia, and Russia

Mention was then made of Anglo-German relations. The Kaiser became very animated. "I am glad," his Majesty said, "to see the quarrels in the Press of these two countries ended. We do not want to take anything from England; and England cannot take or even wish to take anything from us. England and Germany have therefore every reason to hold together and to help each other as long as the vital interests of the nations do not force the Governments into controversy. What difficulty could possibly arise between England and Germany which would be incapable of a friendly and amicable settlement ? "Besides our blood relation to England we

have every interest to see England strong and powerful. We would feel ourselves very soon any weakening of England, A German statesman who would go to war with angland for the sake of getting perhaps a little colony from Great Britain-and that would be all we would expect even after a victorious war-would Hongkong & Neighbourhood not deserve his place at the belm of the Empire. "No. no," repeated his Majesty with great Formosa Channel... force, "we want nothing of this sort; all we want is peace and again peace to develop our commerce, our industry, and our national

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EMPIRE AND DUTY

SPEECH BY LORD CURZON. Lord Curson, who is the president of the Birming ham and Midland Institute, delivered a glowing eulogium of true Imperialism at the Birmingham Town Hall last month.

"I am," he said, "a convinced and unconquerable Imperialist, who by the accident of events has been called on to spend the whole of his working manhood in the study or service of the Empire, and to whom it has b come a secular religion embodying the most sacred duty of the present and the brightest hope for the future.

"Wherever this Empire has extended its borders," he continued, there misery and oppression, anarchy and destitution, superstition; and bigotry, have tended to disappear, and have been replaced by peace, justice, prosperity. humanity and freedom of thought, speech, and

Lord Curzon invited his audience to think what the position of this country would be if the Empire ceased to exist. England, from having been the arbiter would sink at the best into the inglorious playground of the world, People would come to see it just as they climbed the Acropolis at Athens or ascended the waters

A congested population, unsustained by the enormous demand from India and the. Colonies. would lead a sordid existence, with no natural outlet for its overflow, wit no markets for its manufactures beyond such as were, wholly or partially, barred to it by hostile tariffs, and would be swallowed up in the whirlpool of American cosmopolitanism, or would be converted into foreigners or aliens, and England would become a sort of glorified Belgium.

"The Empire," Lord Curzoa continued. is still only in a fluid and transitional formation; it has yet to be welded into a great world-State. The constituents are there; the spirit is there; but the problems are still unsolved and the plan has yet to be

"In the economy of the Imperial household we are dealing not with children but with grown men. At our table are seated not dependents or menials, but partners as free as onraelyes, and with aspirations not less ample or keen. That they are bound to us by sentiment is a priceless asset; to throw it away, would be a criminal blunder.

Lord Curzon paid a high tribute to Mr. Chamberlain. For the last twenty years, he said, Birmingham had nourished in its midst and had again and again sent out on his public mission the greatest imperial statesman of this generation—the man of whom, whether they agreed or disagreed with his particular views, it would be stark prejudice to deny that he was animated by a noble devotion to his country and an impassioned belief in its destinies.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report -On the 7th at 11.55 a.m.-The barometer has risen over China, and fallen over S. Japan

and the Loochoos. The anticyclone, which is of considerable intensity, is central over the continent to the North of Tangize and pressure is relatively low to the S. of the Locchoos.

Gradients are rather steep, and hard monsoon may be espected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows :-

strong; fine. N.E. winds, strong to a gale. South coast of China between 1 Sameas No. 1. Hongkong and Lamocks. South coast of China between N. winds. Hongkong and Hainan. I strong to agale.

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ANNUAL SHOW. -

THE FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on the 26th and 27th FEBRUARY. The Schedule will shortly be distributed to

Members. Non-Members wishing copies should apply to the Hon. SECRETARY. Non Members will be charged an entrance fee of 50 cents for each class entered for the

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subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival. McGREGOR BROS. & GOW. Hongkong, 7th January, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 13th inst, at 4 P.M will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ian days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 7th January, 1908,

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intimation is received from the Consiguees before NOON, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 14th inst., or they will not be recognised. All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. J. MILLET.

Agent. longkong, 7th January, 1908.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Ma REUBEN MARCUS EZEKIEL in our Firm, ceased by mutual consent on and from Sist December, 1907. ERICH GEORG & CO. Hongkong, 7th January, 1908.

NOTICE.

TR. WILHELM OTTO CHRISTIAN SPALCKHAVER has been authorized to Sign the came of our Firm per procuration from This Date

SIEMSSEN & CO. Hongkong, 31st December, 1907, 121 NOTICE.

WE have This Day OPENED a
BRANCH of our Firm at CANTON and anthorised MR. RUDOLF LENZ to Sign per procuration.

SANDER, WIELER & CO. Hongkong, 1st January, 1908.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our I Firm of ME, ARMIN HAUPT ceased by mutual consent on the 31st December, 1917. Lady. MESSES. GUSTAV FRIESLAND and ADOLF WIDMANN have been admitted PARTNERS from This Date.

MELCHERS & CO., Hongkong & China. Hongkong, 1st January, 19, 8.

NOTICE,

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

MR C. MONTAGUE EDE has been appointed SECRETARY of the Society from the lat January, 1903. By Order of the Board,

W. J. SAUNDERS. Becretary. Hongkong, 1st January, 1908.

NOTICE.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MAR. C. MONTAGUE EDE has been Appointed SECRETARY of the Company from the 1st January, 1:08. By Order of the Board, W. J. BAUNDERS.

Secretary. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.

NOTICE.

THE Business that has been hitherto carried on by the undersigned, will henceforward be carried on under the style and name of J. R. MICHAEL & CO. The Partners in the Firm are myself and Mr. S. H. MICHAEL. J. R. MICHAEL. Hongkong, lat January, 1968.

NOTICE.

MAR. JOHANN GEORG LUDWIG SCHROFTER having retired from our Firm, his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December, 1907. Mr. PAUL FRIEDRICH HERMANN

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HIS CHINESE MXCRLLENCY. The Pall Mall Gazette says:

Li Ching Fong, the new incumbent of the Chinese Legation in Portland-place, is one of the wealthiest men in the world, and by right of his descent, riches, and family influence, the premier grandee of China. Unlike Yuan Shi Kai, who is of plabeian birth, the new Minister is an aristocrat, and is a son of the late Li Hung Chang, one of the most insteresting personalities in the Chinese Empire. Although his august father was a reactionary; Li Ching Fong him-self is a Progressive, and he will be the first Chinese Minister to occupy Portland-place who has been inspired by a taste for reforms. From the days of his youth, when he learnt English at the hands of his father's confidential American physician, his Excellency has been a student of Western methods, the first real insight to which came when he accompanied his father to Europe for the Tsar's Coronation Hitherto the heads of Chinese Laga ions have been cultured and amiable officials, well born, fine exponents of the art of Chinese politeness, and most accomplished diplomaticie. But they have not been progressive, and, indeed, if the late Minister alone be excluded, all Chinese Ministers to Great Britain in recent years have belonged to the great army of conservative officials that has so long supported the antiforeign policy of the Dowager Empress. The coming of Lord Li is in many ways one

of the most significant acts that the Imperial Government of China has committed for some time. It testifies at once to the awakening of the ancient Empire which, if it continues to arouse itself at its present rate progress, will have become a different Empire in ten years' time. China to-day, stands where Japan stood thirty years aco. but there are indications that reformation in Chica will be even more rapid than that which distinguished the modern evolution of Japan. The most pronounced trait of the present state lies in the willingness of the Imperial Government to send representative types of the younger generation to America and to Europe generally for education. It has always ben a practice to maintain a few students in Europe, but their subsequent careers have been generally concerned with the requirements of the Chin's: Foreign Office. Under the new order no fewer than 150 students are coming to Great Britain, this large body of young men living in England under the direct supervision of the Chinese Legation. At present the students have been selected from the sons of the high official classer, but the idea is gaining ground and there is no doubt that the great Merchant Guilds, who follow the lead of the Government, wil maintain representative bands in the various commercial contres.

It is a happy coincidence that Li Ching Fong should be associated in England with the first phases of the Chinese Reform Movement. If not a great wit, at least he is a most observant gentleman, and one who has frequently ant gentleman, and one who has frequently urged the Imperial Government to reconsider its methods. Obviously, then, he will see that his students derive the greatest benefit from their stay in England, since upon their shoulders must rest the future guidance of the Chinese Empire. Moreover, in choosing England as the country to which the great majority of the students should be sent, his Excellency has merely followed the policy which he himself has constantly advocated. The English language is the current tangue among the Chinese of the coast, as in all commercial circles, and there are usually one or two merchants in each important group who have a thorough grasp of it. ant group who have a thorough grasp of it. Lord Li wishes to see this knowled e extended since, in his opinion, it is the language of liberty and political freedom and best suited for a country that is proposing to adopt new

principles.

Another interesting circumstance in connection with Li Ching Fong is that he is first consin to an English family, the head of which, the late Sir Halliday Macartney, was for many years the English advisor to the Chinese Legation. Sir Halliday was twice m rried, and his first wife, a Chinese lady, was the nices of the late Li Hung Chang. Li Hung Chang himself was godfather to Mr. George Macarthey, the issue of this union, and now the British representative in Kashgar. The new Minister, therefore, has a peculiar right to his appointment. Apropos of Li Hung Chang's godson. Mr. George Macartney, this gentleman is the most accomplished linguist in the service of the Indian Government, and speaks, with absolute fluency, Chinese, French, German, English, Russian, Hindustani, and Persian, besides numerous Central Asian dialects. The new Minister has not yet met his cousin of Kashgar, but one day during the coming spring there will be an interesting reunion in Portland-place, since Mr. George Macarta y will soon be homeward bound. Li Ching Fong is a man of m'ddle age, of

medium height, and not quite so stout as is MITSI usually the case with Southern Chinese gentlemen. In appearance a typical Celestial, he invariably wears Chinese costume, including the quone. Similarly, he favours the long tapering finger nails of the Chinese upper classes. In other respects, however, his disposition and character offer no point of resemblance to the ordinary Chinese official. He eschews both garlio and opium, and his temperament strikes a note of modernity. He is widely read in Ecropean literature, well versed in Western sciences, and even able to appreciate Occidental music! At the same time, alth ugh the Minister may be imbued with a new spirit, there will be no change in the character of the Chiaese Legation. I'mir, when enter sining, his Ex-Chinese officials; ornamented on the back and chest with the large figures of embroidered swans that denote the aifference between civil and military rank. Am ng officers of the Chinese Army and Navy tigers of ferocious aspect take the place of the swans. "Li Chilg Fong, however, is a civitian official of the high-est rank, and wears decorations of the first class in the orders of the Peacock, the Imperial Dragon, etc., besides many feathers and buttons. In its social aspect, the hospitality of the Legation will necessarily gain from the immense fortune which the new Minister possesses: Many estimates have been given of the wealth left by the late Li Hung Chang, but so much. of it was represented by mines and industrial enterprises that it has never been capitalised. None the less, the liquid assets were roughly calculated to be between four and six million sterling. Li Ching Fong inherited the bulk of this, besides the mining and commercial properties, and at the lowest computation his sterling a year. Social London, therefore, equipped with necessary gear. always ready may look forward to some interesting parties | Short Notice. in Portland place, when, no doubt those expen-

To the Western palate these dainties may not appear very appetising, particularly the sea sing, which is usually served in its own liquor in thin quivering alloss. The flavour of the Chinese sea slug possesses something of the piquancy of the anail and the richness of the turtle. It is a puzzling, disquieting dish, unusually oily, black, but occasionally of mottled has, and by reason of its source unpleasantly

sive luxuries, sea slugs, birds' nest soup, lotus

seeds, and the feet of Canton ducks will be

salt. From the point of view of the Chinese, these dishes are essential to any table where expense is disregarded. The other dishes are more curious than "disgusting, but their appearance on the table will depend upon the

social standing of the guests invited. . In Chinese hospitality of an official order there are two classes of banquets: the Birds Nest Soup Feast and the Crackling of Sucking Pig Feast. The pig is so highly considered by the Chinese that their estimate of its flesh As a dish, sucking pig is supposed to give a cachet to any dinner, but while it would be incorporated among the important features of the Birds' Nest Soup Feast, a Crackling of Sucking Pig Feast implies the exclusion of the more choice and costly dishes such as turtle, stage cartilage, seaweed, fungue, pirde nests, and lotus seeds, which figure in any nanquet of the first class. Thus a Birds' Nests Soup Feast; while including all the dishes of the banquet of the second standard, embraces the choicest, as well as the most extraordinary, products of the animal and vegetable kingdom. Moreover, it entails very much greater expanse upon the host, whose social standing is invariably judged by the class to which his banquets balong.

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A well-known manufacturer disagrees with the Pall Mall Gazette on the subject of the outlook for rubber. It noted certain warnings by Mr. F. A. Govett on the subject of overplanting and endersed them. Its correspondent writes as follows -"Referring to your note, Rubber Overplanting, I cannot but think you are looking a very long way shead. I am concerned in the business, and hold shares in rabber plantstions, and intend to take more as good companies come out. I cannot agree with your view about over-production, and the best expert opinion in the raw rubber business is that over-production really does not exist, for if every acre which is now planted came into full bearing to morrow it would not produce one-tenth of the world's consumption, and in five years hence, when the bulk of it comes really into production, the world's consumption will have increased 50 per cent. The only doubt in my mind, and it is a very small one, is that rubber may possibly be produced synthetically on a commercial basis, but I have no fear of overproduction." It seems rejoins, the R.M.G., that our correspondent misses the point. To neither Mr. Govett norourselves can be attributed any statement that over-production exists. Mr. Govett remarked that if planting continued to increase there was the danger of over-production. That view we endorsed. The tendency is to break up new ground wherever available. That is the danger. As to whether consumption will be 50 per cent, greater in five years' time neither our correspondent nor we ourselves can really say. It is easy to imagine, at the present rate of development, the t production will be pushed for ahead of that modest requirement. But we are gla! to publish the letter.

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, E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 31st December, 1907.

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RSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVER & HAMBURG,		Ger. str	k.w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMBRIKA LINIE	On 30th inst.
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ANGHAI	VTINNAM	Brit. str.	8 11	W. O. Jon B	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
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NGHAT	Emparante de	Brit. str.	-	W. P. Baker	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., LD.	
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INGHAL KOBE & YOKOHAMA	RATONIA	Ger. str.		Habel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINI	On 13th inst.
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MODAL, IOKOHAMA KOBE & MOJI	NAMSANG	Brit. str		M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 21st inst, at 4
ATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str	2 h.	A. E. Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & CO	On 10th inst, at 10
HOW & HAIRPONG	SINGAN.	Brit. str	1 m.	Jameson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Dayl
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Middle of January.

About Wed'day,

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Borneo, German str., 2,850, F. Sembill, 6th. Jan,—Sandakan 29th Dec, Timber and General-Melchers & Co.

BOURBON, French str. 997, Le Bail, 27th Dec--Saigon 22nd Dec., General-Chinese,

CEYLON MARU, Japanese str., 5,168, Th. Payne, 4th January—Yokohama and Moji 30th December, Coal-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Changehow, British str., 1,203, H. E. Walker, 1st January—Chinkiang 28th December, General—Butterfield & Swire. HARLTON, British str , 2,592, W. G. Thomas,

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CHUNSANO, British str., 1,417, Meyrick, 20th
December—Karatsu 14th December, Coal
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DAGNY, Norwegian str., 883, O. Abrahamsen, 22nd December—Haiphong 18th Dec., Rice—Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.

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GANGES, British str., 2721, S. A. Page, 22nd. December - Barry Dock 31st Oct. Coal-Admiralty. GERMANIA, German str., 1,000, H. Flugel. 31st December-Sydney via Ports 24th Nov., Copra-Siemssen & Co.

HINBANG, British str., 1,536, A. G. Smith, 7th December-Chefoo lat December, General -Jardine, Matheson & Co. Holstein, German sir., 985, Niejahr, 29th Dec -Tourane, General and Rico-Jebsen

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D cember-Calcutta and Singap re 14th General-David Sassoon & Co. Locksun, German etr., 1,657, W. Tanbert, 3 st December - Bangkok 17th December.

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NEPTUNE, British str., 2,154, H. G. Roberts, 29th December - Kuchinotza (Japan) 24th December, Coal-Order. NEUMUEHLEN, German str., 1,970, M. Fischer.

6th Jan.-Kobe, Moji vin Nagasaki 3tst Dec., Coal and General-Jebson & Co. PARLAT, German str.; 1,018, J. Wenz 1, 26(b December-Swatow 25th Dec., General-But orfield & Swire.

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General-Butterfield & Swire. SEXTA, German str., 992, Desler, 5th January

Sosnu MARV, Japanese str., 1,119, T. Suruga, 5th January Shanghai 29th December, General-Osaka Shosen Kaisha. TAISHUN, Chinese str., 1,216, R. Stephen, 6th.

TATSU MARU, Japanese str., 1,948, H. Terimme, 6th January-Kobe and Moji 1st January. Coal and General-Wallem & Co. THORANA, Austro Hungarian str., 2,887, P. Guestzamei, 29th December-Russia B.S.

12th November, Coment-Order. TINGSANG, British str., 1,407, Chas. Reynolds. 5th January - Chinking 1st Jan., General -Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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-Singapore 28th Dec., General-Siemssen SINGAN, British str., 1,047, H. Jamieson, 5th January-Haiphong and Hoihow 3rd Jan. General-Butterfield & Swire.

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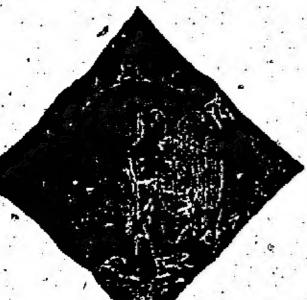
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The I.G.M. str. P. E Friedrich left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday, the 5th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 14th inst,

The I.G.M. str. Prinz Heinrich carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 17th ult., left Colombo on Saturday, the 4th inst, p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 15th inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL. The P. & O. str. Devanha left Singapore for this port on the 4th inst. at 10 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-

morrow at about 7 a.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P.M. str. Korea from Shanghai will be due to arrive at this port to morrow at 4 p.m. The T.K.K. str. America Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 5th inst., and will be due here on the 13th inst.

The O. & O. str. Persia sailed from Tacoma on the 16th ult for Hongkong via Japan ports, and is due to arrive in Hongkong on 15th inst. THE CANADIAN MAIL,

The C.P.R. str. Monteagle arrived Shanghai at 6.30 a.m. on Monday, the 6th just., and leaves again at noon same day for Hongkong where she is due to arrive at 8a.m. on Friday, 10th inst. The C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan left Vancouver p.m. on Tuesday, the 24th ult, for Johnson, Edminster, and Aylon. Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Apoar str. Catherine Apoar from Caloutia left Singapore on the morning of the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 10th inst. The Indo China str. Namsang left Calcutta_

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Hongkong Observatory, January 7th.

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